

SAVE STONEHENGE FROM REALTY MEN

Ancient British Relic Escapes Advance of "Civilization"

Washington, May 24 (AP)—Stonehenge has been saved again. In 1918 the stone circle of Salisbury Plain was saved when it was given to the nation by Mr. (now Sir) C. Chubb.

Now it has been saved from real estate dealers eager to build a bungalow circle around the most famous and mysterious Druid circle of England. A national campaign raised the equivalent of \$42,400 for the purchase of 640 acres of land surrounding Stonehenge.

The acquisition will guarantee that the mass that looms and has loomed black against the rising sun at 3:45 o'clock every June 21 for 3,000 years still is the Priar's Heel compass stone and not a brand new cottage.

Stonehenge is the Plymouth rock of the British people. Wherever the strong cord of English history is picked up it leads back to the circle of rough-hewn stones on the treeless chalk downs of Wiltshire.

While mystery locks the true origin and meaning of Stonehenge, the National Geographic society points out, tradition raises it to the chief shrine of the first Britons, the holy of holies where the blue bedaubed savages worshipped their pagan gods.

The inner stones form a horseshoe facing the Priar's Heel sunrise stone. The inner horseshoe is inclosed by a second horseshoe of heavy stones, two pairs of which still support lintels or capstones. Surrounding the double horseshoe is a 74-foot circle of smaller stones. Then comes another circle 93 feet across of 30 dressed stones.

Originally, continuous lintels topped the outer ring, but only a few remain in position. The shrine is bounded by a ditch at a radius of 160 feet from the center. Three causeways bridge the ditch. The broadest leads to the Priar's Heel stone.

Compared with the mammoth stone blocks cut in Egypt, the stones of Stonehenge are candy sticks. The largest monolith is 29 feet eight inches long, eight feet of which is in the ground. Er-Grah, a menhir of the same period found in Brittany, has the more impressive length of 47 feet. But the blue stones of Stonehenge were brought 125 miles by land or water from the Prescelly hills in Wales. How, no one knows.

To Emerson, Stonehenge "looked like a group of brown dwarfs on a large expanse." To Pepys the stones were "as prodigious as any tales I ever heard of them." To W. H. Hudson, born on the Argentine pampas, they were "a small flock of sheep or goats . . . incredibly insignificant."

To the average Englishman, Stonehenge is a marvel of his country, "the frontispiece of English history," which no ought to see before he dies.

A few hundred Englishmen journey to Stonehenge annually on the night before June 21. They gather back of the horseshoe waiting for sunrise at 3:45. If the weather is clear at dawn on the longest day of the year the rising sun throws the shadow of Priar's Heel stone to the center of the stone circle. A prominent English scientist thought Stonehenge must be a temple to the sun, but nobody knows for sure.

SEEKS RECOMPENCE FOR PRISON YEARS

Wisconsin Man's Confession Forced by Fear of Mob

Madison, Wis., May 24.—(UP)—An effort is under way here to obtain legislative compensation for John A. Johnson, 45, who served 10 years in prison for a crime he now generally is believed he did not commit.

Although Johnson confessed in 1911 to the murder of seven-year-old Annie Lemberger, repudiated his confession just before he entered the gates of Waupun prison.

In 1912 he was pardoned by Gov. E. L. Phillips, who had been convinced the man confessed because of a morbid fear of mob violence.

There are more than 3,000 Madison citizens who now are certain society "robbed" Johnson of ten working years of his life and who have signed petitions asking the legislature to compensate him, as far as possible, for that which was taken.

Johnson, an employe of the city, has aged rapidly and is in none too good health. He still works, but his earning power is small and he and the wife who trusted him during his years of imprisonment are not enjoying the comforts they might have had.

Girl Beaten to Death
Annie Lemberger, daughter of Martin Lemberger, was put to bed by her mother about 9 o'clock the night of September 5, 1911. Several days later her body was found floating in Monona bay. She had been beaten to death.

Johnson was arrested three days later and was questioned by a detective. For hours he maintained that he was innocent—until the detective struck the vulnerable spot.

The officer, "telling in all other efforts to make Johnson confess, told him that a mob was outside clamoring for his life.

Johnson once had seen a man lynched at Darlington and the moment he heard that he was in danger of meeting a similar fate he became a cowering, terrified wreck. He confessed, begged protection, and when arrested in court pleaded guilty, with the additional plea that he be hurried to prison and saved from the mob.

Despite the fact that Mrs. Johnson and two daughters, Stella and Bertha, testified that Johnson had

GIRLS WILL CROWN STATUE OF VIRGIN

Impressive Ceremony Sunday Evening at St. Joseph's Church

Prices Awarded to Four After Competition in New Junior High School Building

Newington, May 24.—The annual public speaking and spelling contest was held in the new junior high school auditorium Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The pupils who took part were: Selma Chapman, Doris Koslowski, Anna Callahan, Shirley Pond, Everett Haines, Edith Hitchcock, Dorothy Rattenburg, Jack Dunn, Harriet Sandburgh, Louise Harding, Isabel Ingham, Jeanette Solasky, Aaron Rattenburg, Mabel Johnson and Wayne Tuller.

Louise Harding won first prize in the speaking contest and Everett Haines won second place.

The best speller proved to be Isabel Ingham and Wayne Tuller won second place.

Miss Olive Williams, primary supervisor, Mrs. Boutelle and Mrs. Woodruff were judges.

The first auditorium period in the new junior high school building proved interesting. Gustave Boehman, an educational speaker, spoke to the assembly.

His subject, "Spare Tires," brought out the fact that school children must make action, perseverance, ambition and good habits their "spare tires," to lay a foundation for success in school and in later life.

St. Joseph's church will be the scene of an inspiring and impressive ceremony on next Sunday evening, when the annual crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin and reception of members into the sodality will take place at 7:30. More than 150 members of the senior and junior Children of Mary will participate in the solemn procession and crowning exercises, singing hymns in honor of the Mother of Christ.

The honor of placing the crown falls this year to Miss Nellie Agnes Rita Ryan, as president of the senior sodality. She will be assisted by Miss Claire Lynch as vice president.

A touch of added beauty will feature this year's exercises because of the fact that a new statue of the Blessed Mother will be used for the first time. This statue, a gift of one of the parishioners, is a work of art by a Spanish sculptor of note, and is considered one of the most beautiful in this country. It was imported directly from Spain by Rev. John F. Donohue, pastor of St. Joseph's.

The new members will be received into the senior and junior sodalities by Rev. John J. Keane, chaplain. A sermon appropriate to the occasion will be delivered by Rev. Charles M. Carly, assistant pastor of St. Anthony's church, Hartford, who is considered one of the foremost orators of the state.

The program of exercises as arranged by the Sisters of St. Joseph follows:

Processional: As the Gentle Spring Undoes—Mary, Our Hope.

Crowning.

Reception of new members.

Act of consecration.

Mother at Your Feet is Kneeling.

Sermon.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Recessional.

TERESA IN PHOTO WITH PRESIDENT

Speller and Chaperon Also Guests of Senator Walcott

(Special to the Herald)

Washington, May 24.—Teresa Charavallotti of this city, city champion in the New Britain Herald spelling contest, had her picture taken with President Hoover yesterday, according to a special dispatch to the Herald today. Teresa and her chaperon were guests of Senator Frederic C. Walcott at luncheon in company with spellers and their chaperons from Hartford and Waterbury. They also met Senator Hiram Bingham at the capitol.

Teresa visited the bureau of engraving, the academy of science, the national museum and the headquarters of the Pan-American union. She visited the senate chamber and saw the comedy, "Pigs," at a local theater in the evening.

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